

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2859

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 2859, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Development of an International Equestrian Facility."

The purpose of this bill is to require the Governor to convene a working group to study the feasibility of establishing a multi-purpose international equestrian facility. This working group would contain both public and private sector members, with the department of business, economic development, and tourism providing staff and support. The working group will consider potential sites, appropriate forms of funding, estimates of costs and job creation, and extent of community support. The working group must report its findings no later than twenty days before the convening of the regular legislative session of 2005.

The bill is objectionable for three reasons. First, this is the type of issue that should be handled via a concurrent resolution rather than be codified as a law. The implication is that this working group would be temporary, yet there is no sunset date for the legislation.

Second, this bill is objectionable because it requires state resources to provide staff and support for the working group to conduct a study for a facility that is more appropriately researched and developed by the private sector. Third, the bill calls for an extensive market analysis and detailed business plan, but provides no funding to do the work. It is inappropriate to require a study of the depth required by this bill without appropriating the funding necessary.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill  
No. 2859 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii